

REPORT ON THE IPC

1. Since its inception in July 1951, the Interagency Clandestine Collection Priorities Committee (IPC) has accomplished the following:

a. Agreed on targets for the USSR, it being understood that planning will proceed on these in keeping with DCID 4/2 which contains the IAC approved intelligence objectives for this area. Further details for the preparation of target dossiers are being secured by FI from the requesting agencies, as needed.

b. Agreed on targets for satellite areas to be reviewed by FI in the light of existing capabilities with target dossiers being called for as needed. Where operations are confronted by a need to select between two possible alternatives, such selection will be based on the guidance in DCID 4/2.

c. Agreed on targets for the Near East-Africa. Target lists were prepared in such a manner that detailed target dossiers are considered unnecessary at this time.

d. Targets are being prepared on Western Europe and the Far East (excluding Communist China), and targets for Communist China are being reviewed for consideration by the IPC. It should be noted, however, with respect to Western Europe that capabilities are severely limited by the restrictions imposed on operations in view of our allied or friendly relationship with these countries. It is understood, however, that in all of them FI has a continuing responsibility, quite apart from the IPC targets, to keep close watch on subversive activities within the countries which may have an adverse effect on U. S. interests. Reports on such matters will be routinely disseminated within the intelligence community.

2. The foregoing report brings the IPC to the conclusion of its first assignment which is to provide a current listing of U. S. approved priority clandestine targets. This will serve as a guide for FI planning and operations. It is understood that FI will continue to report matters which in the course of its business it runs across knowing that the U. S. Government has a continuing interest.

3. Furthermore, routine ad hoc requirements on FI will proceed through OGD as heretofore.

4. It, therefore, should be understood that the IPC will not consider targets further until such time as a member requests a review or change of the current listings.

5. IPC activities are now turning to Paragraph 1.b. of IAC-B-28/1 which deals with agreed activities of agencies engaged in clandestine collection. In this area the production offices of DD/I have no concern and therefore will not be in attendance at meetings of the IPC when such matters are under consideration.

EVALUATION OF THE IPC

6. By sorting out priority targets as in the above paragraph 1 we have relieved a situation not early in General Smith's regime in which encyclopedic target lists were received by SO, mainly from the military services. There is, therefore, a sizeable reduction in the production of paper which in fact was not used or could not be used constructively.

7. By reason of its candor and responsiveness FI has made the agencies, and particularly the military agencies, feel that they understand FI's problems and they have been thereby swayed from a feeling of antagonism to one of sympathy for the FI problem. Therefore, the political climate tends to be one of harmony as opposed to a year and a half ago when it was one of the jungle.

8. Agreed targets on the vital areas only means that in a long run there may be developed more systematically than heretofore, in terms of governmental need, a basis for operations and operations themselves where today there are none. We should expect nothing soon.

9. In peripheral areas a bit more can be said, namely, that some opportunities exist and where they are in fruition, or may develop soon, FI will either rely upon guidance it has or/and it may come back for immediate guidance.

10. In summary, therefore, we should not expect to receive reporting in volume based on IPC targets for some time.